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**Attention: Emergency Department Physicians, Dermatologists, and Primary Care Physicians**

Due to the recent confirmation of several cases of human anthrax diagnosed among postal employees, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are instituting enhanced surveillance for any previously undetected or potential future anthrax cases. The objective of this enhanced surveillance is to:

- Identifying cases of human anthrax that occurred after September 11, 2001.

In conjunction with your hospital, our staff will work with you in reviewing records of patients with suspicious lesions that visited the emergency department, dermatologists, or primary care physicians. The criteria used to identify potential cases of cutaneous anthrax that is outlined in the instructions attached.

Thank you for your willingness to collaborate with us in this important public health issue. If you have any questions or comments regarding this system, please contact Dr. Stephen Redd at (609) 631-6716.

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